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STATEMENT.

A Notice to the Public.
This is to certify that I am not the Henry Robinson who was arrested Sunday night, February 25th, at the First Presbyterian Church, corner Fifth avenue and Church street. My name is spelled different. I have worked at the tailoring trade in this city for fifteen consecutive years.

Respectfully,
HENRY ROBERTSON,
705 Lea Avenue.

NATIONAL NEWS NOTES.

Brief Bits of News and Comment on Men and Women.
Des Moines, Iowa.—The leading daily newspaper of this place, in a well-considered editorial expression with reference to the scant attention the Negro receives in time of peace and the solicitude vouchsafed him in time of war, says: "A demand is now before Congress for a great national school for Negroes, made, strange as it may appear, by a Congressman from Tennessee. It is to be a school for military training. The Southern leaders who during fifty years of peace have permitted the Negro to secure his own training for civil life, have suddenly become thoroughly aroused to the need of government instruction in the art of war. Of course, if we are to prepare soldiers much, may be said for the proposed school. The Negro has stood up beside the best soldiers in the world, and he is more willing to fight for the flag than many to whom the flag has meant more in privilege. But is it not worth thinking about that we should be so suddenly solicitous for the training of the Negro in times of war and so little solicitous in times of peace? Suppose the Congress man from Tennessee had proposed a great national training school for the Negro fifty years ago to fit him better for the common duties of American life?"

Washington, D. C.—John Temple Graves, Southern of Southerners, "lets the cat out of the bag," exposing the hypocrisy and can't which characterizes the so-called moral

ATLANTA, GA., MOREHOUSE COLLEGE.

The celebration of the Fifty-fifth Anniversary of Morehouse College formally began Sunday afternoon, February 25th, and closed Tuesday night, February 27th. All who attended felt that for the three days they lived on the mountain top. On Monday and Tuesday each meeting seemed to surpass the previous one in inspiration. More graduates of the college had returned than on any similar occasion in the history of the college, and many distinguished visitors were present. Among these were Dr. Howard B. Groves, Editor of The Watchman; Dr. C. H. Phillips, Editor of The Standard; Mr. Hale of Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Gilbert N. Brink of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University; Dr. D. W. Abernethy, Principal of Worcester Academy; Dr. Wallace Buttrick, Secretary of the General Education Board; Dr. R. R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, Editor of the Crisis, New York; Mrs. A. E. Reynolds of Boston, as well as the presidents of other representative schools and officers of all of the schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The anniversary sermon was preached on Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D. D., Dr. John F. Purser, President of the Board of Trustees of Morehouse College, presided. The singing of the students was very effective, especially their rendering of the anthem, "Seek Ye the Lord," and the Anniversary Hymn written by Dean Benjamin Brawley of the college and set to music by Prof. Wallace Buttrick, Musical Director. President Faunce took as his text Luke 22:27: "Which is the greatest, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth?" The question of the text he said was one constantly met with in our industrial and commercial life where there is a tendency for great enterprise to swallow up small ones. The New Testament, however, lays emphasis on personality and the members of a family have their differences that must be recognized and developed. It was shown that the graduates of Morehouse College can render service in the twentieth century, first through the discovery of promising men and women; second through helping to make provision for education, and third, through the consecration of all ordinary labor. The distinguished preacher was at his best and impressed his audience both by his fine spiritual feeling and by his excellent delivery and clear enunciation.

On Sunday night Dr. Brink presided and greetings were brought by the following representatives of institutions: Dean Adams of Atlanta University; President Watters of Gammon Theological Seminary; Pres. Tapley of Spelman Seminary; Pres. King of Clark University; President Fountain of Morris Brown University; Prof. Turner of Shaw University; and President Sumner of Talladega College. The address of the evening was the formal one by President John Hope of Morehouse College, who took as his theme, "Fifty Years of Negro Education and the Outlook." President Hope reviewed the early struggles in education after the Civil War and emphasized the fact that the merit of a college like that of Morehouse depends not only on what it does, but what it is. He showed that for fifty years Morehouse men had been at the head of all upward movements in Georgia and that their influence had extended even into Africa.

The work of the future like that of the past must be essentially the real aim of the college's leadership. Fifty years ago the task was comparatively easy, but now in her complex and economic life new difficulties have arisen and a constant fight must be waged against sordidness, prodigality and cynicism. More and more also the college must lead in vital matters respecting the race. The Negro race must not always have to go outside of itself for the support of its great educational enterprises. Philanthropy belittles and may even dictate what shall be taught and thought. More and more the Negroes must think out for themselves the best means of retaining their institutions in true liberty and learning.

On Monday morning, Feb. 26th, occurred a Conference on Moral and Religious Training with President Hope presiding. Dr. Charles T. Walker of Augusta, Ga., was scheduled for the first address of the morning and President George Rice Hovey of Virginia Union University for the last one, but for one reason or another both of these men found it impossible to be present. Their places on the program were taken by Drs. Gray and Laws. Dr. Gray's keynote was struck in the following sentences: "If you have any opportunity to come in touch with one whose outlook and intellect are greater, do not neglect the opportunity. If you fail to choose the highest when you see it you make the greatest of all mistakes. Dr. Laws in a brilliant, witty though brief address forcefully drove home the following points: that we must magnify personal holiness, intensify personal zeal and clarify personal faith. President J. A. Booker of Arkansas Baptist College dealt with the question: "What can students do to promote religion in our schools?" The fourth address of the morning was delivered by Rev. M. W. Johnson, a graduate of Morehouse College, who has also completed the course at the Rochester Theological Seminary and who is just now engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. Johnson made a plea for emphasis on spiritual training, especially in our state schools, and showed the great possibility of an institution that like the Y. M. C. A. can in such a war as we now have in Europe at short notice transfer a Christian man to a place of immediate need.

The meeting of Monday afternoon with Dr. Purser presiding in some ways marked the high water mark of the Conference. Very soon in the course of the services the feeling became intense. The address of the dedication of Robert Hall was delivered by Dr. Howard B. Groves, who dwelt upon the struggles that President Robert had, who paid a great tribute to Dr. Morehouse as the grand old man of the denomination and who called upon the young men in the college to play well their part in American citizenship, telling them that the spring of a race must be found within the race itself. Dr. Groves was followed by Dr. D. W. Abernethy, principal of Worcester Academy and an old school teacher of President Hope. Dr. Abernethy made a plea for classical scholarship and showed how more and more the great responsibilities of the world have drifted to men classically trained. He reminded the boys of the college of the quotation from Bacon that the great duties of life are greater than life itself. He closed his address with a very fine compliment from the boys of Worcester Academy to Morehouse College presenting to President Hope an envelope containing a check for \$100

presented by the Y. M. C. A. of Worcester Academy to Morehouse College. The last address of the afternoon was delivered by Dr. Wallace Buttrick, who spoke informally of his personal friendship for Dr. Morehouse and his high hope for the boys of Morehouse College.

Monday night was Alumni Night. Rev. D. W. Cannon, President of the Alumni Association of Morehouse College, presided. The first address of the evening was an illustrated, historical address by Dean Benjamin Brawley of the College. This was followed by an address "Dr. Joseph T. Robert as His Students Knew Him," by Rev. W. E. Holmes, D. D., President of Central City College, Macon, Ga., who taught at Morehouse College for a period of more than twenty years. A third address was by Prof. P. M. Davis, Principal of the Slater Public School, Birmingham, Ala., on "The Public School as a Field for Morehouse Men." The last address of the evening was a powerful one on "Morehouse College and the Negro Baptists of Georgia." It was delivered by Rev. M. W. Redick, Principal of American Institute and President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, who showed that Morehouse College and the great Baptist host of the state have been constantly joined and held out a hope that the union might lead to still greater service in the future.

Tuesday morning, February 27th, was given to a Conference on Education with President Hope presiding. Dr. Brink spoke on "The Educational Outlook," dwelling in fine spiritual on the dreams of the founders of the school and the hope for what is yet to be accomplished for the young men of the college. The second address of the morning was by Dr. R. R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute, who emphasized the fact that more and more in the stress of our economic life in America there will be a tendency to elevate and dignify the trades and he emphasized the fact that more and more the educated Negro must look out for the common men and women. The third address of the morning was by Mr. T. W. B. Williams, Field Agent of the Jeanes Fund, who dealt with numerous figures and illustrations on "The Influence of the Jeanes Fund on Public Schools." The last address of the morning and one evidently awaited with eagerness by the audience was that of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Editor of the Crisis, New York, who spoke on "The Negro Press as an Educational Influence." Dr. DuBois in brilliant language emphasized the fact that lying in the shade of a possible solution of the race problem. More and more, said he, we must be honest with ourselves and not dwarf our souls by pretending that that is the truth which is not. The Great War in Europe is a startling example of the havoc wrought by men who were no honest with each other in diplomacy. In the shaping of opinion in the new Europe, the Negro press must lead as a constructive force.

On Tuesday night there was a concert given by the students of the college in the nature of a compliment to the alumni and other visiting friends. The brilliant program made a powerful impression on all who attended. Them used throughout the anniversary exercises was in fact noteworthy for its excellence. The finish of the work showed whether the students were rendering a classical anthem or a Negro melody. Another feature of the anniversary exercises was the appearance in book form of the formal History of More-

house College by Dean Benjamin Brawley. Mr. Brawley also wrote an Anniversary Hymn that was set to music by Mr. Harold and sung with great effectiveness by the student body. All told the exercises marked a season of great inspiration not only for the alumni who attended, but for other visitors as well.

TEACHER-TRAINING CLASS.

On Wednesday evening, January 3, 1917, in the beautiful class rooms of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. C. H. Clark, pastor, the National Baptist Sunday School Teachers and Students' Training Class was organized by the Rev. J. A. Sharp, National Superintendent of the Teacher Training Service, under the direction of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

The class is to continue for ninety days and is composed of leading ministers of the city and prominent church and Sunday school workers of their churches, all of whom are studying the systematic course of Bible study that has been revised by the Board; which has proven such a help to those interested in teaching and evangelistic work. Rev. Mr. Sharp is one of the best posted Sunday school workers in the denomination. The Training Service in this division has been divided into two divisions: Advance Course and Normal Course, with a post-graduate department for the ministers and workers prepared to take this work. The instructions given by Mr. Sharp are said to be pure, sound, classical and systematic, and as such are expected to prove a blessing to the denomination in this city, as it is designed to place the teaching service of the church in the galaxy of the foremost churches and denominations of the world. The National Baptist Publishing Board is being congratulated for its foresight in electing Dr. Sharp as superintendent of this work. Men of thought and culture who have finished some of the courses in the leading theological institutions of the country have confessed that Rev. Sharp is a peer in the annals of Sunday school and Teacher Training work.

WALDEN UNIVERSITY.

Washington's Birthday was observed by brief exercises at chapel hour, Thursday, Feb. 22. The pupils of the Grades came to the platform and sang two numbers, "Hurrah for Washington" and "Jolly Winter." President White gave a brief summary of Washington's public life and the lessons valuable to the present generation.

A very unique and enjoyable "Martha Washington Tea Party" was given on Friday evening under the direction of Miss Ruth Slesie. Mr. Fletcher Jackson and Miss Eva Lowery received prizes for the most approved Washington costumes. Sandwiches and tea were served.

The college Y. M. C. A. invited their friends to a public meeting Sunday evening at six o'clock. The exercises were conducted by the president of the Association, Mr. W. R. Spence. Prof. F. E. Dawson gave a heart to heart talk on the affect of habits of thought on the individual life. The following music was well rendered: a piano solo, "Meditation," Gradl, played by Miss Audrey Hinton; violin solo, "Tranquil," Mr. W. R. Spence, accompanied on the piano by Miss Cella Jones; vocal solo, "My Jesus as Thou Wilt," Miss Hazel Lyman. Mr. John Bowman is pianist for the association.

Dr. S. M. Utley was in Martin over Sunday, filling an engagement for President White, who was unable to get away from school duties. Dr. Utley spoke five times during the day in the interest of Walden, and returned with the good will of the people and a substantial donation to the school.

The Walden ball team and a group of Meharry men played a game on Saturday afternoon with the score five to three in favor of Walden. Mr. R. J. Davis of Walden received a very heavy blow from a ball on his hand which left him with a very painful and disabled finger.

Word has been received from Miss Emma Kelley, who was called home a few weeks ago on account of the severe illness of her mother, that the mother passed away last week on Wednesday. Walden friends extend to Miss Kelley sincere sympathy in this sore bereavement.

MR. B. F. TAYLOR OF KENTUCKY.

Mr. B. F. Taylor and Mr. Jerre Butler of Adairville, Kentucky, spent a part of two days in the city. Mr. Taylor is a staunch Sunday School Congress worker. He is superintendent of Missions of the Union District Sunday School Convention of Kentucky and is also an organizer of classes, organizer of Boy Cadets and in fact is building Front Line Sunday Schools throughout the district. He stated when in the city this week that the Union District would have not less than thirty delegates here in Nashville at the coming Sunday School Congress, June 12-15th. Mr. Taylor was in attendance at the Sunday School Congress at Meridian, Miss., Tuskegee, Ala., Muskogee, Okla., Birmingham, Ala., and Vicksburg, Miss. He is regarded by the Sunday school forces in Nashville as a part of the movement. He left the city Tuesday morning for his Kentucky home.

A DISTINGUISHED ELOCUTIONIST IN THE CITY.

Mrs. Cornelia Hendrey Stubblefield, a distinguished elocutionist of Sioux City, Iowa, is in the city visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Stubblefield was formerly a Miss Cornelia Hendrey of this city but has been a resident of Sioux City, Iowa, about twenty years, where she has lived since her marriage to Mr. Clarence Stubblefield, formerly a well known resident of East Nashville. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burrell L. Hendrey, of 113 Eighth avenue, N., and a sister of Miss Ella Hendrey, a well known teacher in the public schools. Mrs. Stubblefield is an elocutionist of no mean ability, and is popular in the "Hawkeye" State. Her husband is a prosperous mail carrier, and is well known in the business world. They are the happy parents of four beautiful children, and the whole family is beloved by all who know them. Mrs. Stubblefield is planning to appear in a recital at one of the popular churches here before her return home. As this is her first visit to her old home town since leaving, her many friends will be delighted to see and hear her.

Dr. Clarence Eugene Allen, of Philadelphia, Pa., who was called to the city on a sad mission, did not tarry long after the funeral services. He has a splendid practice in Philadelphia.

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